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SUBJECT: KHENE LUNCH

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1. YOU MAY WISH TO EXPRESS TO KHENE OUR REGRET AT FURTHER INCREASE IN OPEC GOVERNMENTS TAKE, WHICH IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF RAPID AND REGULAR RISES WHICH HAVE BOOSTED OPEC PER BARREL REVENUE FIVE FOLD SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1973. VIENNA DECISION WILL ADD ABOUT 4 BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY TO WORLD'S OIL BILL. THIS CAN ONLY INCREASE STRAINS ON ALREADY TROUBLED WORLD ECONOMY AND FURTHER DISADVANTAGE LDC'S.

2. DURING YOUR MEETING YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO INQUIRE INTO FATE OF EARLIER SINGLE PRICE PROPOSALS. VIENNA COMMUNIQUE SETS FORTH TEN DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS AS GOVERNMENT TAKE ON MARKER CRUDE BUT AVOIDS MENTION OF UNIFIED SALES PRICE. COMMUNIQUE ALSO MAKES NO MENTION OF POSSIBLE PRICE DISCOUNTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES OR OTHERS OFFERING EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, MARKETING SERVICES. KISSINGER

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